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Docket No.: 02427/100E988-US1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Vincent J. KIDD *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/477,082

Group Art Unit: 1642

Confirmation No.: 8684

Filed: December 30, 1999

Examiner: Anne L. Holleran, Ph.D.

For: TUMOR SUPPRESSOR PROTEIN INVOLVED IN DEATH SIGNALING,
AND DIAGNOSTICS, THERAPEUTICS, AND SCREENING BASED
ON THIS PROTEIN

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper. Submitted

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simultaneously herewith is a Petition for TWO (2) MONTHS Extension of Time with the required fees.